



**MINUTES OF THE
WASHOE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

October 7, 2020

Washoe County Senior Center, Reno, Nevada 89512

Zoom Webinar

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/78207944707?pwd=ZkgvSHFXeUxzMkNlRXNaWHd3R1F1dz09>

1. ***Call To Order** - Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair- Dr. Larry Weiss.
2. ***Roll Call** – Dr. Larry Weiss asked for the roll call; Sandra Vasquez took the roll. There was a quorum present via Zoom meeting.

WASHOE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS:

PRESENT VIRTUALLY		ABSENT (EXCUSED*)	
Dr. Larry Weiss	Linda Hardie	*Danada Rausch	
Jennifer McMenemy	Donna Clontz		
James Doyle	Barbara Korosa		
Mark Miranda	Sarah Deardorff (late)		
	Rick Sorensen (late)		

WASHOE COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Abby Willrich
Herbert Kaplan (DA)

Sandra Vasquez

ADVISOR PRESENT

Connie McMullen

ADVISOR (ABSENT)

Victoria Edmondson

3. ***Public Comment** –
No public comment.
4. ***Member Announcements** –
Larry stated he received his mail in ballot and encourages everyone to vote any way possible.
5. **Approval of the Agenda for the Advisory Board Meeting on October 7, 2020 (For Possible Action)**
Motion to approve the agenda was made by Donna Clontz and seconded by Linda Hardie.
Motion passed unanimously.
6. **Approval of the Minutes for the Advisory Board Meeting on September 2, 2020 (For Possible Action)**

Motion to approve the minutes was made by James Doyle and seconded by Mark Miranda.
Motion passed unanimously.

7. *Update and discussion on Washoe County issues and activities relating to seniors – Abby Willrich, Human Services Coordinator

Abby stated Home Delivered Meals participation was up 35% from September 2019 to September 2020. After COVID is hopefully done, they will reassess the Home Delivery Meal Program participants. Also, Daybreak staff continues to do Zoom calls to Daybreak clients.

Rick Sorensen and Sarah Deardorff connect at 3:07pm.

8.*Update on Sparks Senior Citizen Advisory Committee - Donald Abbott

Donald stated they did Dining with Dignity and they use the money to buy meals for the vulnerable population, which includes seniors.

9. Update, report, discussion, and possible recommendations regarding age friendly communities sponsored by AARP throughout the county and cities (For Possible Action) – Donna Clontz

Donna stated that Amber Howell gave the Board a staff person to run the numbers from the surveys; there were about 170 surveys. She would like to follow up with the staff person since after the 10th survey there weren't as many tallies for information.

10. Report, discussion, and possible recommendation regarding resignation of the Board from Danada Rausch of District 4 (For Possible Action)

Larry stated he received the resignation notification from Danada.

11. Report, discussion, and possible recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to appoint Deborah Whitehouse to the Advisory Board for District 4 (For Possible Action)

Motion to approve Deborah Whitehouse for District 4 was made by Rick Sorensen and seconded by Linda Hardie. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Report, discussion, and possible recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners regarding recruiting new board members for District 5 (For Possible Action)

Donna asked if the application for the Board can be put up again on the County website and Next Door.

13. Report, discussion, and possible recommendation regarding board members volunteering to make Friendly Visitor Calls on a regular basis to selected Home Delivered Meals clients (For Possible Action)

Abby stated there are four clients who would like to participate and receive the phone call. It is unsure if the clients just want the phone call or if they would like additional resources. Donna stated she would like to combine both. Donna stated she talked to seven people from Sarah Deardorff's complex and they said they would like additional information. The persons who have volunteered are Larry, Donna, Rick, Deborah, and Danada. Abby stated she will be sending an email assigning volunteers.

14. Report, discussion, possible recommendations and updates on the Advisory Board member's Shared Issues and Goals for Housing, Advocacy, Communication & Information, Data Planning,

Transportation, Nutrition Programs, Social & Recreation, Senior Law, Volunteering, Financing, and Social & Health Services (For Possible Action)

Sarah stated she had contact with CSA (Community Services Agency) and they will be delivering food to seniors who have been affected by COVID. It is a new program that is just starting up and the person in charge is Kathleen. There is no demographic information yet, but delivery starts next week. Abby stated there is a similar program through the County.

15. Report, discussion, and possible recommendations on senior board members to attend ongoing Washoe County public meetings (For Possible Action)

Deborah stated she would like to see the handout to see what they have.
Sarah Deardorff would like to be added to the Senior Coalition.

16. Agenda items for the next Board meeting

Rick would like an update of the Friendly Visitor Calls.

17. *Public comment –

Deborah stated she would like an orientation about members being in the Senior Advisory Board.
Larry stated the Center for Healthy Aging and ADSD are doing the Elders Count. They are getting the data together and ho to be done by the end of the year. ADSD said that will continue to do the Elders Count every two years.

Donald stated RTC is doing a Flex Ride in the Spanish Springs area, for information, call 335-0035.

18. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

Motion to adjourn was made by Donna Clontz and seconded by Linda Hardie. Motion was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 3:39 pm.